

RIVER MAP FIVE Willamette river. Springfield through Eugene

Map info 5/2/13

THIS IS A GUIDE. CONDITIONS ARE ALWAYS CHANGING. Skill level: class 1 and 2 rapids.

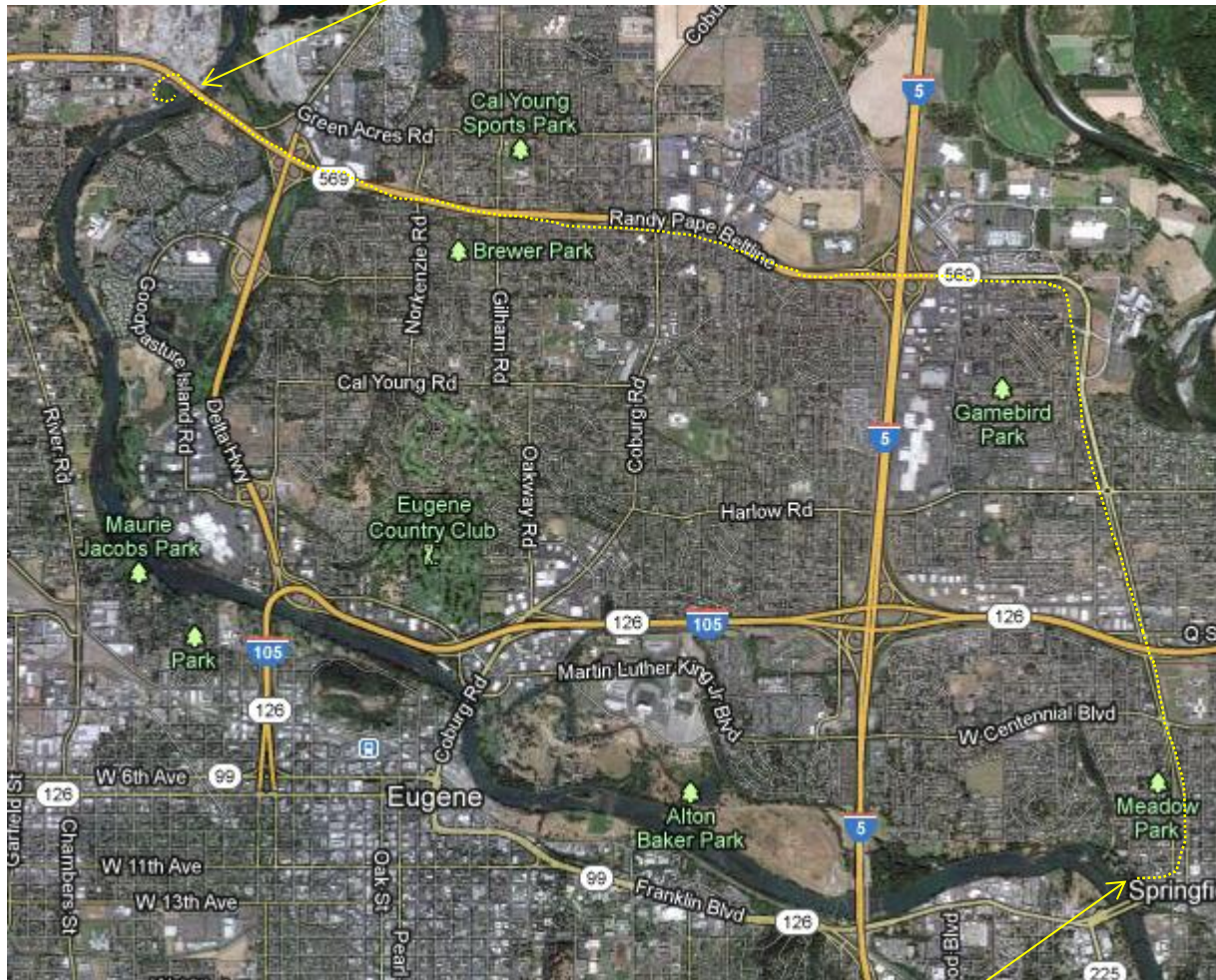
Good boat control and safety skills are needed.

Distance: 7 miles. Time: 2-3 hrs Season: All year.

Caution: Marked River Obstructions upstream of the I-5 bridge.

Temporary Construction Zone under the I-5 bridge.

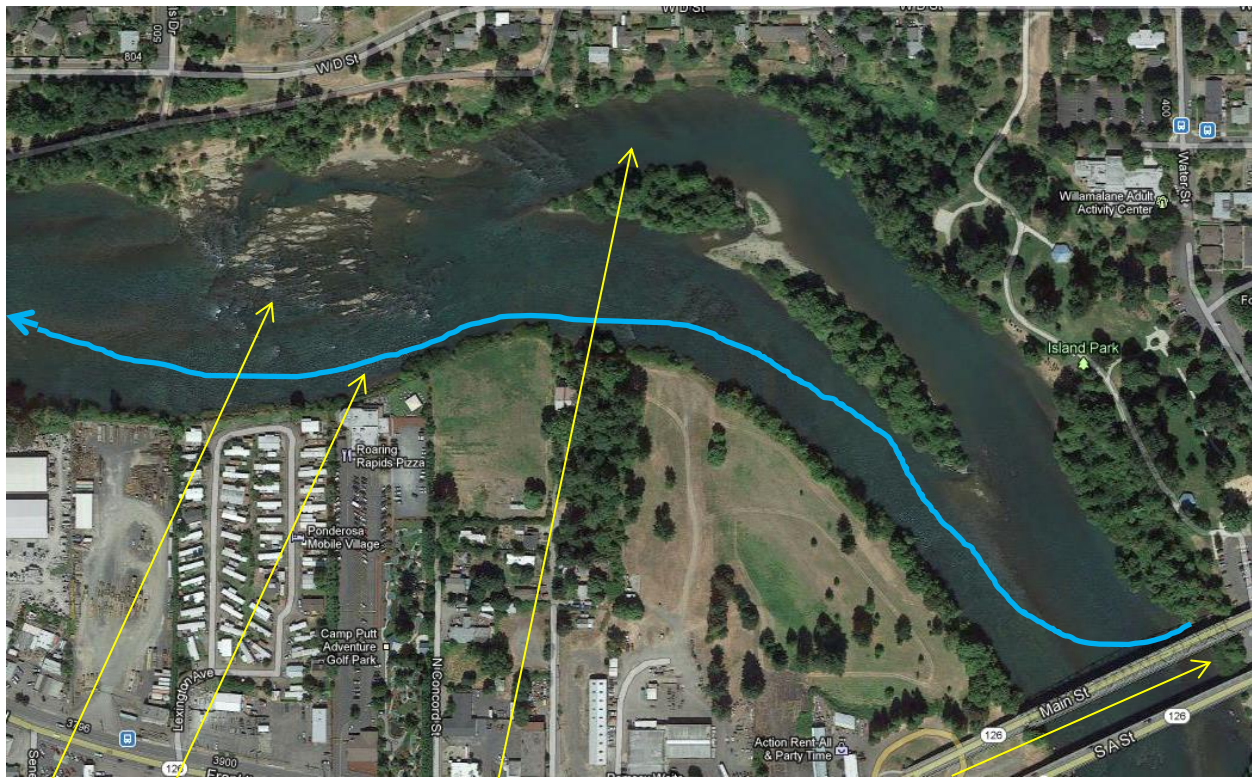
Take out location: Delta Hwy bridge



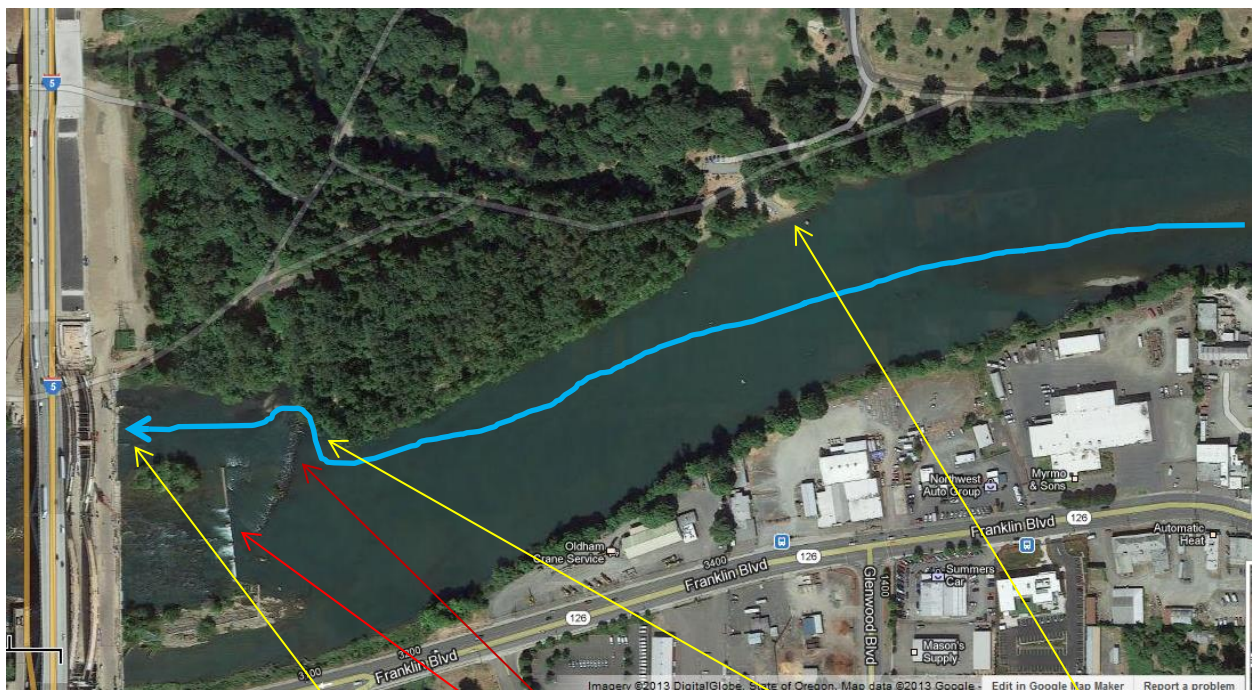
Dotted line: shuttle route

Put in Location: Island Park Boat ramp

This is the classic and popular float through Eugene. Beautiful parks line the banks with bike paths and many opportunities to stop or start. It is an urban section of the river with bridges and boat ramps yet scenic and challenging with several significant but fun rapid sections.



Rocks Class 1 rapids stay right “Bathtub” play and practice area Island Park boat ramp put in



Construction Zone Marked Channel Channel Obstructions Boat passage D St boat ramp

The Channel Obstructions and channel is marked with large signs as you approach the new I-5 bridge. Stay far river right and follow the tight S turn around the Rocks and Obstructions in the River.



Class 1 rapid

Alton Baker Canoe Canal

Class 2 rapid

The construction zone channel under the bridge is scary but safe. But watch out for debris that can get caught in the pilings and currents in the tunnel can be pushy. Once past the bridge is another section of Class 2 rapids. Watch for rocks and maneuver as needed. There are a series of pretty islands to pass by.



Riffles

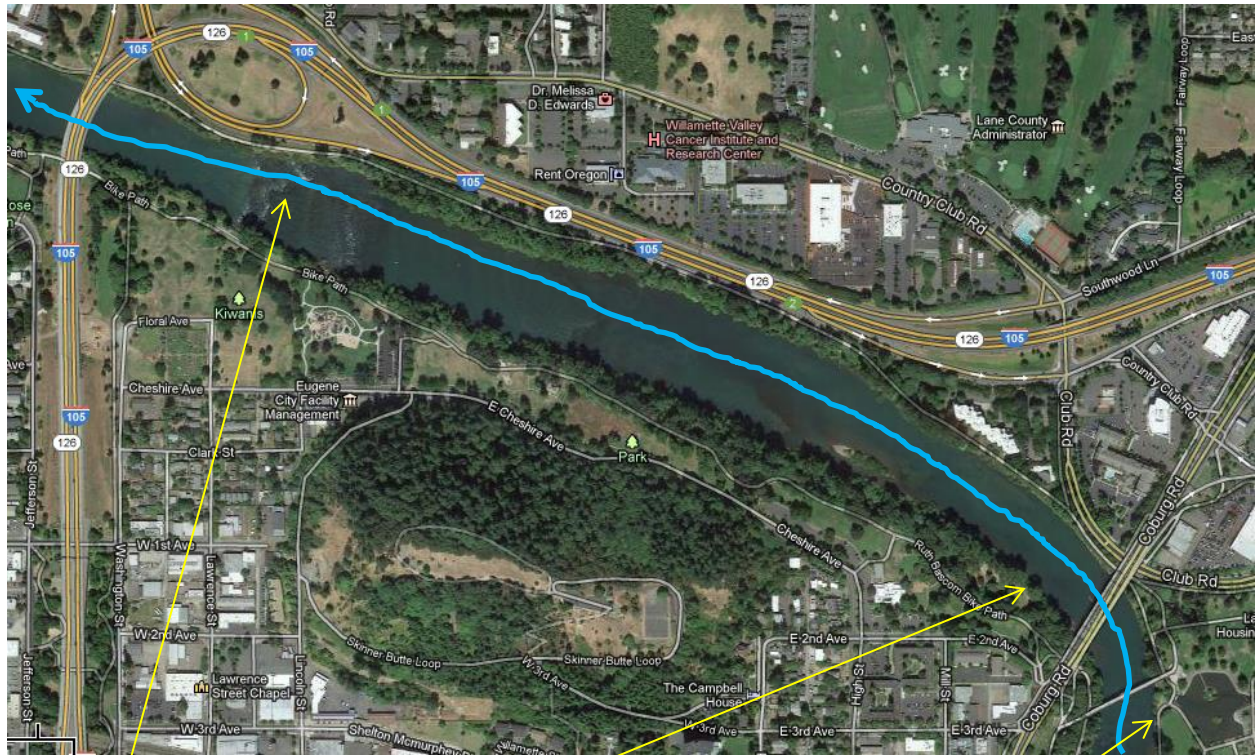
Alton Baker boat ramp

Interesting islands

Rocks

Class 1 rapid

As you approach the bike bridge, stay on river left to avoid shallows and rocks. There are fun standing waves that carry you through the rapid.



Class 1 rapid

Coburg Bridge access

DeFazio Bridge Access

Now you are in the heart of Eugene, passing under the DeFazio bike bridge, Coburg Road bridge and then the 105 highway bridge. On your left is the EWEB building, on the right is Alton Baker Park, then Skinner Butte Park on the left.

The Willamette river has been extensively restored and cleaned since the 1970's and is one of only a very few rivers in North America that flow north. Many rivers in the Willametter watershed contribute to the volume of water carried to the Columbia river in Portland, 150 miles north, including the beautiful McKenzie river that joins the Willamette river just north of Eugene.



This is a calm section of the river passing a River House beach on river left as well as some pretty little islands and the Valley River boat ramp on river right. River house is part of a city recreation program offering many classes in kayak skills and rentals. The University of Oregon Outdoor program also offers classes and boat rentals.

Once past the Shopping Mall on river right is an extensive restoration project reclaiming old gravel quarries and re-establishing fish spawning and wildlife habitat.



The river now turns directly north toward the confluence with the McKenzie River in a few miles.

The last major rapid at Marist High School is a short class 2 and taken on river right.

Soon after on river left is a duck pond where each spring baby ducks and geese learn their paddling skills.

Duck pond access

Marist Rapids class 2



Take out location

Once past the Owosso bike bridge, the last of five bike bridges over the river, you pass a few small islands and approach the Beltline bridge take out. Be careful since this is a popular bathing area for families as well as fast currents under the bridge.

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Support protection of the of the Willamette River contact: www.Riverkeepers.org

Eugene Parks and Recreation offers classes in kayaking and water safety: www.Recenroll.org

Be sure you have proper safety equipment and understand water safety rules and signals.

Water conditions are always changing and **new hazards can appear at any time.**

Be sure you are prepared for current water conditions and cold water.

Tell people where you are going and when you will be back.

Never boat alone. Have experienced paddlers with you.

Local paddling clubs www.canoe.freeshell.org, www.facebook.com/potluckPaddlers, www.wkcc.org

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